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WASHINGTON (AP)-REP. EMANUEL CELLER, D-N.Y., SAID TODAY AN INVESTIGATION OF IMPEACHMENT CHARGES AGAINST SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS HAS BEEN HINDERED BY LACK OF COOPERATION FROM SOME EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

CELLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE CONDUCTING THE INQUIRY, SAID THE DEPARTMENTS OF JUSTICE AND STATE AND THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HAVE NOT PROVIDED DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE SOUGHT BY THE COMMITTEE.

CELLER ISSUED A STATEMENT OUTLINING THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION AFTER CRITICISM WAS VOICED BY SOME HOUSE MEMBERS THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN DRAGGING ITS FEET.

CELLER SAID THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS FAILED TO SUPPLY ANY INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE LAST JUNE 20. THE CIA HAS DECLINED TO FURNISH ANY MATERIAL FROM ITS FILES, HE SAID. AND THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IS STILL WITHHOLDING MATERIAL REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEE IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE INVESTIGATION.

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The Honorable Emanuel Celler
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Chairman Celler:

Both before and after my letter to you of 15 July 1970, there have been conferences between members of the Subcommittee Staff and representatives of the Agency. Additionally, I personally met with Mr. Kenneth R. Harkins and Mr. Howard Fogt, Jr. of the Subcommittee Staff on 24 July 1970.

As a result of those conferences, I have caused to be made a further review of our classified records with a view to locating any pertinent information relative to H. Res. 920 or the points covered by Representative Gerald R. Ford in his statement on the floor of the House of Representatives on April 15, 1970 concerning Associate Justice William O. Douglas. Other than that which was contained in my letter to you of 15 July 1970, this additional review resulted in no relevant materials or information.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms
Director